If you make guesses, or make more guesses, this week, you may appear

"To care for bim who has borne the battle, and for his widow and orphans."

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4 4 A Trooper's Story.

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The Kiewas did not molest us, and without further incident we traveled on to the Arkansas, taking a day and night to cross the "journads" of 60 miles, with-out water, from the Cimarron to the Ar-

While traveling at night on the "jour mada" I noticed that the road runs due morth and south here, as we were going toward the north star all night, When we reached the bank of the Ar

kansas we found it frozen over, but not solid enough to bear up our wagons, and so we immediately got out our axes and began cutting a channel through the ice from bank to bank, which is nearly a half mile and nowhere deeper than up to a man's waist. Corp'l Newman divided the party into two reliefs, he work-ing with the first and I with the second relief, alternating every hour.

It was keen and cold, with a sharp

wind blowing from the west. Each man of the working party stripped to his shirt and drawers. As the ice was cut loose by some, others would push the pieces under the ice on the lower side of the canal thus formed. While the working party was in the water the others made a fire of some wood we had been saving a fire of some wood we had been saving in our wagons for this occasion, so that the men who came off at the end of their hour could warm and dry themselves.

On account of the wind we found it necessary to pitch our tents and make the fire inside, and also made some coffee for the men. Each of us had a change of dry underclothing to put on when we had crossed over to the other side, and our wet work was done. But while the work in the water was going on during work in the water was going on during our hours off, we would huddle around the fire in our tents wrapped in our blan-ket or buffalo robes, drink coffee, and "cuss the Government."

As I had been chosen as the custodian

of the keg of whisky that the command-ing officer at Fort Union had given us for this occasion, I refused to allow it to be tapped until we had crossed the river, well knowing that if allowed to have the whisky before we finished our ice-cutting some of the men would soon be past work-

It was the middle of the afternoon before we had finished cutting the channel and moved camp to the north side of the river, where we soon had our tents up, fres made, and were changing our wet

drink whisky, and do not like it, I felt

AN ESCAPADE OF THE AUTHOR. By the time I had changed my clothing and spread down my bedding in the tent the "taos lightning" had begun to work on me, and I was soon crazy drunk. I have no recollection of what I did, but

to clean out the "dough-boys," as we comfortable quarters.

Aside from the bruises incurred in our cupied the other tent, and accordingly free fight at the Crossing, the party They came tumbling out, and would have
given me a benting but for Cronly and
Harrison, who begged me off by telling
them I was so drunk I did not know what I was doing. They put their tent up their sight. Pat Hagan got a chance to again and had got quietly settled inside work his passage into the settlement with when I took a seat on a wagon tongue the mail party, and left us. in front of their tent, took out my six-

As soon as they had counted the num- I replie ing using my own pistol to hammer me what's the matter with you. You can over the head, also kicking me severely. I guess they would have killed me but for Cronly and Harrison and the rest of other men had similar marks of our late my bed, dead drunk.

ed himself a committee of one to avenge drunk. ping into our tent door with his rifle in who was sitting alongside of me, seeing what he was up to, reached over and knocked the barrel down so that the bul-let went through my bedding and into the ground under my head, the fire from

the camp, when he saw I was on the warpath, and taking up a position on top of the hill which overlooks the ford, remained there till the camp got quiet.

During the night a high wind from the During the night a high wind from the seems to young. But he insists that

drifted snow on top of us several feet deep, but we slept quite comfortably.

In the morning the wind was still howling and the air full of drifting snow. We could not start a fire to cook anything, and so made our breakfast on raw bacon with giver the timber and dug up several bottles

ticed a lot of Indian lodges in a bend that you make a lightning charge on the about two miles off the road. It proved grub pile, but come up slow at fatigue on him that Wheeler via working him for camp of Cheyennes, and several call." of them came out to the road afoot and informed us that during the previous night, while the blizzard was at its hight, a party of Pawnees had run off all their that I'm standin' on, but a pair of Mexicary.

The next day after the blizzard, though seed that my feet war badly smashed up, cold, was quite calm. As we were mov-lug along the road we noticed a lone buf-he hunted round till he found a wounded

hall storm, an' I war jist a walkin' roun' with my rifle a pickin' off the Mexican gunners now an' then, when Gen. Scott come a-ridin' along, an' sez he to me, sez he, 'Wheeler, you'd better git down behind them rocks, an' not 'spose yourself so reckless. Brave men are too skeerce. I can't afford to have my best men killed off.

Brother Bill who had his feet shot off an' a greaser's feet sewed onto him. This "hot stuff" must of got me a little mixed. But it war Bill; now I remember all about it. Poor feller, if he war livin' he'd swar to it."

After this expose we heard no more of Dan's Mexican war exploits. When the boys would twit him on his running pro-

"Well, jist as I'd saluted the General an' war a goin' to say, 'Never mind me, General, I'm all right,' 'long comes a Mexican cannon ball an' takes both feet from under me, an' down I went. But I rised up on my elbow an' took a pop at and generally lay over them either in war or horse stealing.

Our intercourse with the Indians has nearly always to be conducted in the sign language, which is common to all, and sent word to the Surgeon to drop avery.

"Well, jist as I'd saluted the General me, "Boys, you know the Bible says, 'He who fights and runs away may live to run some other day; but he who is in battle slain will never live to run again.' I'd ruther be a livin' coward than a dead hero, any time."

Spring Brings Game.

The Winter is now practically over, and although we are still treated to all though we are still treated to all the sent word to the Surgeon to drop avery. nearly always to be conducted in the sign the hospital to git patched up. An' he language, which is common to all, and with which we soldiers are becoming quite familiar.

"The doctor made an zamination an' he

falo, probably an old bull, which had be- Mexican what had a pair of good, sound because they used to draw their rations in flour and make their own bread in garrison but the cavalrymen, being generally on the move, got their rations in hard-tack their own bread in garrison. While off duty I spent hours, frequently, out among the prairie dogs, which are moved to the wortying him. They were about a mile off the road, but in plain view. The works were running around the buffalo in actived and each one as he passed the works were running around the buffalo in a circle and each one as he passed the sol to make a circle and each one as he passed the sol to make their own bread in garrison. The work works were running around the buffalo in a circle and each one as he passed the sol to make a circle and each one as he passed the to the works were running around the buffalo in a circle and each one as he passed the sol to the work of the count of the

Just then one of the men handed me pint cup full of whisky, saying, "This in a circle and each one as he passed the bull's heels would jump at, and seemed bull's heels would jump at, and seemed er's an sew 'em on en' frink whisky, and do not like it, I lest falo turning round and round to make the entire pint without taking it from the entire pint without taking it from for a long time. Finally we saw the built for a long time. We then ungive down in his hind legs. We then un-derstood that the woives had been sna-

It took us three days from the Crossfrom what the men told me next day, sup-plemented by certain painful reminders at Pawnee Fork. With good roads we about my body, I must have been fighting usually make it in two days, but the deep nearly everyone in camp. This is what snow has been quite a hindrance to us ley say I did:

I appointed myself a committee of one all the way from Fort Union. Right glad were we to find ourselves again in our

pulled up some of their tent pins and seemed to suffer no inconvenience or in-erked the tent down on top of them. jury to health from the hardships and ex-

shooter, and deliberately fired six shots noticed that my head and face were somethrough the canvas, but they lay low, and what battered up, and asked me how l

I replied that I had got a fall on the ber of shots they knew my pistol was ice at the crossing of the river. Looking empty, and they came pouring out like a at me steadily for a moment he said; nest of hornets. This time they gave me what I richly deserved, a good beat-in a row and got beautifully licked. That's

Calling Corp'i Newman up he the cavalrymen coming to my rescue, spree. Calling Corp'l Newman up he in when a general free fight ensued. After quired into the affair, but seemed to come ended I was carried and put into to the conclusion that we were excusable under the circumstances. He had been While lying in this condition Dan on many a "jamboree" himself, and knew Wheeler, one of the infantrymen, appoint- how to sympathize with a fellow after a

The mail we had brought from Fort

hand he asked, "Where's Peck?" and on some one pointing to where I lay, he stuck the muzzle of his gun down to my car and pulled the trigger. But Cronly, off the snow and the next escort to Fort doubt." Union had a much pleasanter trip than we had. While lying around camp waiting for

our next turn at escort duty, we have a some dull time of it, and amuse ourselves as self." his gun burning the side of my head.

And I slept on, perfectly oblivious to all parties of two or three, sometimes we sit around the fire in our quarters and listen to yarms from the older members of the party. Among these Dan Wheeler is one gan scrubbing. After scouring away for a while Bill looked up and inquired: west blew our tents down and heaped drifted snow on top of us several feet he "war thar," and claims to have plenty

and hardtack, washed down with river in the timber and dug up several bottles water, fed the mules, hitched up, packed the wagons, and struck the road. The wind was in our backs, or we could not Dan turned himself loose on his Mexican

quite as lively as some of ye."
"Yes," Cronly interjected, "I've noticed

horses, not leaving them a single one. We can feet that I got at the battle of Checould only advice them to "look a lectle pultepec. That may sound funny, but usuf" in future, and went on our way. The chances are that they will soon make a raid on the Pawnees and probably get

we were soon firing up both inside as well as out. My party, being the last to get out of the water, as soon as we come separated from the herd, and a pack | feet, 'bout right size to fit me-number got up on the bank our shirts and drawers froze stiff, and I felt as though I
was nearly frozen myself.

They were about a
mile off the road, but in plain view. The
close to Wheeler, an' git everythin' ready,

> "Of course, the greaser had to be kept alive till his feet was took off an' clapped onto me, so's they would grow onto my legs, don't yer see, an' that's jist what

derstood that the wolves bad been small derstood the wolves bad been small derstood that the wolves bad been small derstood th stand an operation. Well, sir, in the hurry of changin' feet the doctor come mighty nigh puttin' 'em on me 'hind side before, an' that 'ud a been a devil of a joke on me, for, don't yer see. I'd a-bin goin' t'other way all this time, an' no tellin' where I'd a bin by now. But I noticed it in time an' had him to change 'em 'round, an' he soon had me on my feet ag'in-or on the greaser's feet,

"An', boys, ye may think it's queer, but ever since that time, though I've got a heart as brave as a lion, whenever I git gettin' hurt them durued Mexican feet

runs away with me." At this point the boys were roaring, but Dan looked around innocently, as though he could see nothing to laugh at. Cronly seemed determined to expose the liar, and so he remarked, indifferently:
"I suppose it must have left scars where

the feet were sewed on. "O, yes," answered Dan. "I'll show ye the marks on the stitches," as he promptly pulled up the bottom of a pant's leg, untied the drawers and turned down a sock, exposing to our view as dirty an

Cronly seemed to see through his little game at once. Dan had evidently de-pended on the dirt to prevent us seeing scars which were not there.

"It's wonderful, and I don't doubt you in the least, Wheeler; but just as an act of good faith you wouldn't mind lettin' me rub a little of that dirt off so we can all see and bear testimony to the truth of your story, would you? I'm satisfied it's true as preachin'; but there may be some and I'd like to satisfy them beyond a

Determined to bluff it through, Dan answered boldly:
"Why, certainly, you may brush away
some of the dust thar an' see for your-

"Wheeler, did you lose any old Gov-ernment socks during the Mexican war?"

"Yes, lots of 'em. Why?" answered

have made much headway.

Here and there we found snow drifts on the road so deep that we would have to get out and tramp a passage through

Tan turned minself loose on ms Mexican was exploits:

"Boys, some of you may have noticed that I have a slight impediment in the use of my feet—that I don't git around about it."

Served Cronly, as he rose to ms feet.

"Yes, Cronly, come to think of it, must be the other foot. They war only one foot took off that time; now I remember about it."

"Let me see," said the unabashed Dan,

although we are still treated to a cold snap or a snow storm occasionally, the Spring rains are taking the place of the snows, and the prairie is fast assuming a green tinge from new grass. The mud roofs of our sod houses are a poor pro-tection in wet weather, and sometimes after a hard rain there is good swimming

inside our q arters.

Herds of buffalo are making their appearance, coming from the southward. There have been a few bunds of bulls in our vicinity all Winter, but the great mass of them, including all the cows and young cattle, seem to go south to Winter, where they can get shelter and sustenance along timbered water courses of the south

of these bleak plains.

When not on escort duty I still put in part of my time poisoning and skinning wolves for their peits. Lieut, Bell stands in with me in this, furnishing the strychnine and a mule to ride around and gather up the skins. In the course of the Winter I have taken pagir 300 skins worth one.

as he has offered us \$1.25 each for gray welves and 75 cents for coyote skins.

During the past Winter we made an ice house in the bank of the creek, and filled it with fine ice. But this, of course, is for our successors, the 'dough-boys," who will occupy the post during the Summer, as we cavalrymen are certain to be kept the summer in the course is nothing in sight to know how I could get relieved from pack duty to go with the company.

"I don't know, Peck," he replied, "unless you can find some weak-kneed fellow on the grove all Summer after the Indians.

We are always required to put up ice in One of our old company buglers, Jim We are always required to put up ice in Winter, whereever we may be, and the "dough-boys" eat it for us in Summer, while we are out hunting Indians and enduring the extremes of heat, hunger and thirst. But, as the song goes.

"If you want to have a good time, jine the cavaire."

One of our old company buglers, Jim Boland, whose term of service was about to expire, was to be discharged before going on this trip on account of expiration of term of service.

He had been with our detachment at Camp Alert all Winter, and in anticipation of his retirement had been teaching.

They work usually in pairs, and their holes descend into the ground in spiral and under his chin and, propeiling himself ion, the second dog will carry out

There is no regularity in the depth of water it takes to fill them. quickly filled, while others could not be illed by all the water contained in several buffalo wallows. It is probable that some

amused at reading the gross errors of cer-tain travelers in describing the prairie logs and their habits. For instance, they ell us that they are very much like small dors: are of a brown color; that they establish their towns on ground convenient to water; that they have streets at reg-ular intervals running through their vil-

lages, and live in perfect harmony with rattlesnakes and owls.

Nothing could be farther from the truth than such statements. They have no resemblance to a dog whatever, and are simply a species of ground squirrel, and were probably called "dog" from a fan-cied resemblance of their "bark" to that of a dog; but really their bark is more like

that of a timber squirrel. They are of a grayish-yellow color on back and sides, Still determined to expose the liar, with light-yellow bellies. They locate their towns on elevated, dry ground, more often far away from water than near it. They seem to have the faculty of doing without water. I noticed that my pets though it was often placed within their reach. They dig their holes with a total disregard to anything like order, there besnakes, the snakes live principally by eating dogs, though the dogs and little owls seem to dwell peaceably together. The

Dan, innocently.

"Nothin', only I'm just gettin' down to site of our present camp, to be called Fort through the salt plains, and found good 'em, and I thought I recognized the article.'

But after giving that foot and ankle such a cleansing as it had not had for many days, Cronly failed to develop any indication of the operation of engrafting that Dan had told of.

"Must be some mistake, Wheeler," observed Cronly, as he rose to his feet.

"Yes, Cronly, come to think of it was a greeable news, as we were to the companies of infantry would be sent out to relieve us and to the south.

But after giving that foot and ankle to build the new post as soon as the grass was up sufficiently to subsist stock; that we (the detachment of cavalry) would the country south as far as the three forks of the Canadian we turned westful and after scouring the country south as far as the three forks of the Canadian we turned westful a very lower and the many days, and round good to the south.

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But we could

off.

"Well, jist as I'd saluted the General pensities he would reply:

In addition to the buffalo we find good hunting in water fowls, such as geese, of 5 acquaintances whom you think cranes, brants and ducks, which are getting quite numerous along the Arkansas After they have received the paper sev-River and sloughs just west of the mouth the timbered water courses to the south that you had the paper sent to them.

the cavairy."

We called infantrymen "dough-boys"
because they used to draw their rations in four and make their own bread in garri
we called infantrymen "dough-boys"
me to sound the bugle calls, as I had determined to apply to the Captain for the position of bugier as soon as the company Armony but on making my application that

form. One will dig the dirt loose with The other will take as much of the loose with his hind feet, will push it up the incline to the top and dump it around the mouth of the hole. Repenting this operadirt about as fast as the first one digs it

of the holes connect with each other un-

would eat nearly anything given them, but never saw one of them drink water, ing no semblance to streets or gangways.

My observation convinces me that in dogs subsist chiefly on grass roots, and kill out all the grass adjacent to their holes. They then abandon the old holes and dig new ones where grass is

BUILDING FORT LARNED.

Early in the Spring (1860) our commanding officer, Lieut. Bell, was notified from Department headquarters that the War Department had concluded to build was possible to the Arkansas somewhere east of here.

We traveled a day and night to get the salt plains, and found good

army during the civil war; killed at battle I had been detailed to drive our pack-of Wilson's Creek, in Missouri, Aug. 10, mules. When there seemed to be a pros-

Still Time to Make Guesses. Still Another Way of

tion," as many old soldiers call themseems to be what is wanted in this con test. We indicate below a number of

ways of getting 40 shots. If money is scarce, make up a pool with friends, each to share winnings according to proportion he has in pool. If a pool of a half dozen was to win the \$9,000, it would give each \$1,500.

An Easy Way of Getting 40 Guesses.

Send \$5, and we will credit you with the same. You can have books or subscriptions for this \$5 any time during the year 1901. Double the deal, and get 80 guesses. We will publish some fine new books before the end of the year.

Getting 40 Guesses.

Send \$5 and the names and addresses of 5 acquaintances whom you think would like to read The National Tribune. The chances are they will be so interested the list, and you can send others to take their places. Do not confine your list to their places. Do not confine your list to their places. Do not confine your list to their places. Plenty of civilians like the paper. This plan has worked very suctes the trader at the mouth of Walnut Creek, as he has offered by \$125 and for gently. Double the deal and get \$0. the list, and you can send others to take

Getting 40 Guesses.

Send \$5, and we will mail you, post-

paid, the following: 1 set Greeley Conflict (2 Vols.). .\$1.00 2 Andersonville, by McElroy, at 50c 1.03 1 Manning's Stock Book 50 1 Glenson's Horse Book 25 1 Grab Bod.

1 Field, Dungeon and Escape. 25
1 Red Acorn, war story. 25
1 Nurse and Spy . 25
1 Four Years in Secessia. 25
1 Scouts and Spies . 25
20 Subscription Coupons, worth. 5.00 Total\$10.00

Double the deal and get 80 guesses. This is the special bargain we have been offering in this contest. The cou-pons are not valid after July, but you can sell this small number promptly and get them in on time.

A Good Way of Getting 80 Guesses.

Send \$10, and secure the "Auto-biographies and Portraits" advertised on the 8th page under heading "\$16 for \$10." This is a set of books that will soon be "scarce." There was only a limited edition printed. We expect to see the books sell before long for \$25 a set.

The Best Way of

less you can find some weak-kneed fellow who will change off with you."

Thanking him, I retired. But being a with me. very fickle-minded man, he soon forgot facing the danger. As my Sharp's rifle his promise, or rather changed his mind, as he afterwards told First Serg't Mark-cheerfully agreed to exchange with me; wood when the Sergeant recommended me and the sergeant r

nee Fork, preparing for the Kiowa expedition, Maj. Sedgwick's command was forced by two companies of the 2d Dragoons, commanded respectively by Capt. Wm. Steele and Lieut, Armstrong. After remaining in camp here a few days, breaking and fitting out pack mules for the trip, we moved up the river with our whole outfit to near the site of old Fort Atkinson (now Fort Dodge). There, pack-

sent our wagon train back to Fort Larned turn, and crossing the Arkansas struck out southward, looking for the Kiowas. We go as lightly equipped as possibleno tents, no bedding but our saddle blan-kets, and besides the clothing each man For my part I don't the change of underclothing. All our other always felt that I would sooner die like

ane of the hottest and driest Summers and a land of the hottest and driest Summers and of being plucky, though the praise 1860) ever experienced even in "droughty tion of being plucky, though the praise stantly from the southwest, was so hot became parched and dried up very early in the senson, and many watercourses that usually held water throughout the

Summer were dry before the season had fairly begun.

Both men and animals suffered from heat and thirst in traveling over the long, dry stretches that we encountered between watering places.
The backs of our hands would blister

while holding the bridle, and the men's beards would curl up like they were singed.

Bearing southeast from Fort Atkinson, we crossed the salt plains, or sink of the Cimarron, where the waters of this stream

orating leave a crust of salt, in some places three or four inches thick. here, we could get it by digging in the sand a little below the surface, was like brine and therefore Along the Santa Fe road west of the salt plains, where we traveled on the Cimarron while escorting mails, we did not no-tice any brackish taste to the water, but

flow out into a vast, sandy plain and evap-

as he acratched his head reflectively.

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with Indians, whined out:

Hearing me ask to be relieved, Pri-

as he afterwards told First Serg t Mark wood when the Sergeant recommended me for promotion that he thought I was too voung and full of devilment. So I re
"Better give Peck your pistol, too, H——, for you'll never need it. By the serving and Indian gets in shooting distance heaving. time an Indian gets in shooting distance of you, you'll be as dead as a herring— scared to death."

He willingly gave me his navy, and even offered to change horses with me, or give me anything he had, but as my horse was much the better, I desired no such exchange. What a pitifully-disgust-cents you send in for subscriptions or books such exchange. What a pitifully-disgusting sight this fellow made of himself in during the months of June and July you

resence of the company!
But he evidently could not conceal or subdue his cowardly feelings. He seemed completely unmanned. I think he was probably one of those freaks whom I have previously referred to as having an uncontrollable horror of Indians, which

For my part I don't think I, was half has on he is allowed to take but one as brave as I tried to appear, but I have luggage is left with our train.

It will be remembered by the old setand have schooled myself to meet dana brave man that be thought a coward. tlers of Kansas Territory that this was ger with an appearance of bravery that one of the hottest and driest Summers has at times gained for me the reputa-

was really unmerited.
As it turned out, however, as before stated, we got no fight, after all. We saw numerous herds of wild mustangs on this trip, but we had no use for them, and usually shots at them to shots at them to scare them off, for fear they might follow us into camp and cause a stampede among our horses and mules. Our sentinels had to be very watchful at night, lest wild horses should stampede our animals. As we traveled westward we soon passed out of the buffalo range, and our rations being all consumed, during the last five days before reaching the we were entirely out of grub, and if the trip had lasted much longer we would have been compelled to eat our pack mules. Fortunately, on reaching the river we met a train of Mexican mule teams going into the States, and our Quartermaster enough to do us a few days, until our

could reach us from Pawnee Fork. Thinking to buy some supplies for our wn mess, Cronly and I took a pack mule and forded the river to the Mexican train, average but found that the train men had sold to the Quartermaster all they could spare. We found several black and dirty looking frying bacon and (pronounced tor-tee-ahs)-thin cakes of buffalo chip fire within the enclosure their coraled wagons. The delightful aroma of the cooking vituals was per-

served Cronly, as he rose to his feet.

"Yes, Cronly, come to think of it, must be the other foot. They war only one about it."

Down went Cronly and gave the other foot a scrubbing with like result—no sign of stitching. Then it seemed to dawn on him that Wheeler vas working him for a good foot-bath, and he asked:

This was agreeable news, as we were getting tired of mail escorting and longed from Eouth to Round and Rabbit Ear Mounds. Thence to the Upper Cimarron, and, by way of "Aubry's Cut-Off," back to the Arkansas. In all this round no Kiowas or fresh sign.

Our cook was dressed—or undressed, and I to have the companies of its Cav., moved out and camped on the Arkansas River just west of the mouth of Pawnee Fork. At the same time two companies of infantry were sent a good foot-bath, and he asked:

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"Look here, Wheeler, is this a put-up job to get your feet washed? 'Cause there's no sign of any amputation of either foot."

"Let me see" said the unabashed Dan. tortilla, another slice of bacon, and an-(To be continued.)



ELI VALE, winner 11th prize.

Comrade Eli Vale, of Webber, Kan., winner of the 11th prize, writes: "Please accept grateful thanks for the \$25 check. Great surprise. I had no thought of win-Great surprise. I had no thought of winning. Born in Pennsylvania of Quaker parents 1840. Moved to Putnam Co., Ill., 1856, Enlisted, 1862, Co. E. 67th Ill.; also served in Co. K., 138th Ill. Homeness-like way, better for the contestant and the paper than any other way. Take a day or the for the contestant and the paper than any other way. Take veterans. Plenty of civilians like the paper. This plan has worked very successfully. Double the deal and get 80 guesses.

Least way, better for the consecutive for the consecutive way. Take a day or two for the work, and you will bune. The picture I send was taken in paper is mailed a day earlier this week to facilitate club-raising.

Guess the receipts of the U. S. Treasury for

Monday, July 29, 1901. In the present contest \$10,100 is divided into 53 prizes, as follows:

"Bulls-Eye" prize . . . \$9,000 vate H—, a strapping big recruit who had lately joined the company, and had often expressed a strong desire to have a chance to show his prowess in battle Fifth to 14th prizes, each "Sergeant, I'll take Peck's place with the mules. I'm not feelin' very well to-

The guesses must be received by us on or

the same winning, the prize will be divided. The condition for entering this contest is that, during the months of June and July, you must send at least 25 cents to the paper as a subscription or in the purchase of book. This entitles you to one guess. For

each additional 25 cents spent for subscrip-tions or books you are entitled to an addi-The Club-Raiser: For every 25 are entitled to one guess. Each member of the club is also entitled to one guess for each 25 cents he spends. If a club-member does not care for his guess, the club-raiser can

take that also, "Close" Guessing.

Following are Treasury Receipts for Mondays from the beginning of the year, worked out to an average, and a "system"

suggested for close guessing:
1901.
1901. Monday, Jan. 7\$2,421,264.14
Monday, Jan. 14 2,150,580.21
Monday, Jan. 21 1.936.846.95
Monday, Jan. 28 2,232,394.51
Monday, Feb. 4 2,364,149.07
Monday, Feb. 11*2,478,213.82
Monday, Feb. 18 2,195,365.49
Monday, Feb. 25 1.984.961.79
Monday, March 11 2,723,632.74
Monday, March 18 2,304,877.70
Monday, March 25 2,098,450.04
Monday, April 1 1,998,348.14
Monday, April 8 2,712,318.86
Monday, April 15 2,861.010,62
Monday, April 22 2,125,364.14
Monday, April 29 2,569,881.13
Monday, May 6 3.269,942.64
Monday, May 13 2.414.035.83
Monday, May 20 2.346,903.41
Monday, May 27 2,240,904.63
Monday, June 3 3,104,094.41
Monday, June 10 2,402,584.54
Monday, June 17 2,567,370.97
Monday, June 24 1.834,267.70
Monday, July 1 2.974,598.86
Monday, July 8 2.964,114.06
Monday, July 15 2,557,149.41
Monday, July 22 2.235,497.03

Total\$68,069,122.90 Divide the total by 28 and you have the

Add to, or take from, this according to your convictions, and you are likely to have a good range on the target. Get the range and then make plenty of guesses.

When Making Guesses Simply take a piece of paper about the your name and address at bottom. other sheet. Do not write anything else on your guessing sheet. Make your changed guesses in the same manner, simply writing on the paper: "These are

changes.' If a contestant is doubtful about the number of guesses he is entitled to, he should make all that he thinks he is entitled to, placing those he is doubtful of at the end of his list. The rule is to cut off guesses from the end of list if too

"The receipts for Feb. 11 were over five

millions, but the excess was a large par-ment made by the Central Pacific R. R., which should not be counted in getting an average.

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